



Complete Summary

TITLE

Blind rehabilitation: average functional change in self-reported level of independence from admission to discharge in patients discharged from blind rehabilitation program.

SOURCE(S)

Office of Quality and Performance (10Q). FY2001 VHA performance measurement system. Technical Manual. Washington (DC): Veterans Health Administration (VHA); 2000 Dec 7 [update 2001 Apr 18]. 37 p.

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure assesses the average functional change in self-reported level of independence from admission to discharge in patients discharged from a blind rehabilitation program.

RATIONALE

Increased functional capability of blinded veterans decreases demand for support services and increases patient satisfaction. Patient self-report of functional status has been proven a valid assessment measurement tool.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Blind; rehabilitation; functional status

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

All patients discharged from a blind rehabilitation program (one of the 10 Veterans Health Administration [VHA] programs)

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Change in patients' self-reported functional level of independence (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

Evidence Supporting the Measure

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Outcome

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE MEASURE

One or more research studies published in a National Library of Medicine (NLM) indexed, peer-reviewed journal

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Use of this measure to improve performance

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING NEED FOR THE MEASURE

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State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

External oversight/Veterans Health Administration
Internal quality improvement

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Rehabilitation Centers

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Unspecified

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Single Health Care Delivery Organizations

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Unspecified

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Unspecified

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Living with Illness

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

All patients discharged from a blind rehabilitation program (one of 10 Veterans Health Administration [VHA] programs)

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition
Institutionalization

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions
All patients discharged from a blind rehabilitation program (one of the 10 Veterans Health Administration [VHA] programs)

Exclusions
Unspecified

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions
Change in patients' self-reported functional level of independence (subtracting the pre-rehabilitation score from the post-rehabilitation score) using an assessment tool based on 13 key performance tasks that elicit the patients' perception of his level of independence in accomplishing the tasks

Exclusions
Unspecified

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window is a single point in time

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Fixed time period

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data and patient survey

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Not Individual Case

OUTCOME TYPE

Functional Status

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Non-weighted Score/Composite/Scale

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a higher score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Paired data at patient level

DESCRIPTION OF ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Subtracting the pre-rehabilitation score from the post-rehabilitation score provides the measure of change in independent function

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Blind Rehab.

MEASURE COLLECTION

Fiscal Year (FY) 2001: Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Performance Measurement System

MEASURE SET NAME

[Service to Special Populations](#)

DEVELOPER

Veterans Health Administration

ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

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MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Blind Rehab," is published in "FY 2001 VHA Performance Measurement System: Technical Manual."

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